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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Information Release Working Group

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SUBJECT:

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REFERENCE:

DDA Memo dated 8 November 1977, Subject: Establishment of an Agency Working Group to Study Release of CIA

Information to the Public. (ER 77-4487/2)

1. At our meeting on 21 November, it was agreed that we should first address tasks a, b, c and f in paragraph three of reference. Before responding to the questions posed in tasks a, c and f, it is necessary to review our experience to date in the release of information with a view to considering whether and what additional action might be taken to sensitize Agency personnel involved in the information review process in order to alert any review mechanism to material with "flap" potential. For this purpose I am asking the following members to compose a sub-committee to prepare a working paper for the Group's consideration.

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2. In order to address task b, it is clear that the Group needs a definitive statement of the capabilities and purposes of existing centralized indices. It is recognized that some indices are still being constructed, in which cases the statement should describe both their current status and their potential with an indication of the time when they will be fully operational. It is requested that a sub-committee composed of the following members provide this report.

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3. If possible, we should strive to have reports prepared for the consideration of the full Group by 15 Dec

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